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both of the peripheral side surface that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel and a surface of the gasket that is in contact with the liquid is laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin.

Please amend claim 3 to read as follows:

C2
sub D'

3. (twice amended) The gasket according to claim 1, wherein [one or both of the peripheral side surface that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel and a bottom surface that is in contact with the liquid is laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin] the tapered slant is defined by a first diameter extending to the peripheral side surface that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel, and a second diameter of a peripheral side surface of the gasket that is not in contact with the inner surface of the syringe barrel, wherein the first diameter and the second diameter differ by between about 0.5 mm and about 5 mm.

Please amend claim 6 to read as follows:

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sub D'

6. (amended) The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket has a diameter between peripheral side surfaces that are in contact with the inner surface of the syringe barrel of between about 30 mm and about 35 mm.

Please amend claim 8 to read as follows:

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sub D'

8. (amended) The gasket according to claim 3 [1], wherein the first diameter and the second diameter differ by between about 1 mm and about 3 mm.

Please cancel claims 4 and 5 without prejudice and without disclaiming any of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new independent claim 9, and new multiple dependent claim 10. New claims 9-10 are provided in Appendix B to this Amendment. Please add new claims 9-10 as follows:

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9. A gasket for a pre-filled syringe into which liquid is charged, wherein a peripheral side surface of the gasket that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel is provided with a restriction, and wherein a periphery of a bottom surface of the gasket that is not in contact with the liquid is formed into a first tapered slant, and a second tapered slant is formed between the peripheral side surface of the gasket that is in contact with an inner surface of the syringe barrel and the restriction.

10. The gasket according to claims 1 or 9, wherein the gasket tightly closes the liquid charged into the syringe, and wherein the liquid is a contrast medium.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, 6 and 8, cancelled Claims 4 and 5 without prejudice, and added new independent Claim 9 and multiple dependent Claim 10. Claims 2 and 7 remain in the application. A marked up version of the amended claims, showing all changes, is attached as Appendix A of this Amendment. New claims 9-10 are attached as Appendix B of this Amendment.